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Official meetings

Monday, 22 September 2008

Security Council

12 noon	Consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultations Room

Afghanistan

Other matters

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

High-level plenary meeting on the theme "Africa's development needs: state of implementation of various commitments, challenges and the way forward"

9–9.45 a.m.	3rd plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall

New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support [57 (a)]: High-level plenary meeting on "Africa's development needs: state of implementation of various commitments, challenges and the way forward":

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/63/130)

(b) Draft resolution (A/63/L.1)[1]

Round tables

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Round table 1

Co-Chairs: H.E. Mr. Thabo Mbeki, President of the Republic of South Africa; and H.E. Mr. Haris Silajdžić, Chairman of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina

[1] To be issued.

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10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Round table 2

Co-Chairs: H.E. Mr. Paul Kagame, President of the Republic of Rwanda; and H.E. Ms. Tarja Halonen, President of the Republic of Finland

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Round table 3

Co-Chairs: H.E. Mr. Abdulaye Wade, President of the Republic of Senegal; and H.E. Dr. Ralph Gonsalves, Prime Minister, Minister for Finance, Planning, Economic Development, Labour, Information, Grenadines and Legal Affairs of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Round table 4

Co-Chair: H.E. Mr. Pedro Verona Rodrigues Pires, President of the Republic of Cape Verde

6.10 p.m. . . . . 4th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support [57 (a)]: High-level plenary meeting on "Africa's development needs: state of implementation of various commitments, challenges and the way forward": draft resolution (A/63/L.1)[1]

[*Note*: Information on the side events which will take place on the same day can be accessed at the following Web site <www.un.org/ga/president/62/ThematicDebates/adn/events.shtml>.]

[1]To be issued.

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

1. Executive session
2. Human resources management

Other meetings

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Monday, 22 September 2008

Group of 77 (on the Ministerial Declaration)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

East Foyer and West Foyer (Indonesian Lounge)

During the high-level plenary meeting on the theme "Africa's development needs: state of implementation of various commitments, challenges and the way forward" (*22 September 2008*), the high-level event on the Millennium Development Goals (25 September) and the duration of the general debate (23 September–3 October), the West Foyer (Indonesian Lounge) will be reserved for the exclusive use of Heads of State/Government, Vice-Presidents and Crown Princes/Princesses.

Kindly note that the West Foyer (Indonesian Lounge) will be in use for a Troika Heads of State meeting on Wednesday, 24 September 2008, from 9.30 to 11.30 a.m.

The East Foyer (directly across from the entrance to the General Assembly Hall) will be made available for the exclusive use of the First Spouses.

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

Monday, 22 September 2008

Room S-226

9 a.m. . . . . Ms. Mary Robinson, Chair, Realizing Rights: the Ethical Globalization Initiative (EGI); Mr. Juan Somavía, Director-General, International Labour Organization (ILO); Ms. Ela Bhatt, Self-Employed Women's Association of India (SEWA) and a member of The Elders; Mr. Carl-Henric Svanberg, CEO, Ericsson; and Mr. José Antonio Ocampo, Columbia University (on *Working out of Poverty: A Decent Work Approach to Development and the MDGS*)

10.15 a.m. . . . . Mr. Ekmeleddin Ihsanoglu, Secretary-General of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference

11.15 a.m. . . . . H.E. Mr. Jakaya Kikwete, President of United Republic of Tanzania and Chairperson of the African Union (AU); and Mr. Donald Kaberuka, President, African Development Bank (on the high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly on the theme "Africa's development needs: state of implementation of various commitments, challenges and the way forward")

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesperson

1 p.m. . . . . H.E. Mr. Jonas Gahr Støre, Foreign Minister, Norway, and Co-chair of the Ad-Hoc Liaison Committee (AHLC) (on the Palestinian Donor Conference)

Security Council stakeout

9.45 a.m. . . . . H.E. Mr. Nicolas Sarkozy, President of the French Republic

Forthcoming official meetings

Tuesday, 23 September 2008

General Assembly
Sixty-third session

9 a.m. . . . . 5th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

1. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization: presentation by the Secretary-General of his annual report (A/63/1) . . . . . [100]
2. Address by His Excellency Mr. Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, President of the Federative Republic of Brazil
3. Address by His Excellency Mr. George W. Bush, President of the United States of America
4. Address by His Excellency Mr. Nicolas Sarkozy, President of the French Republic (on behalf of the European Union)
5. Address by Her Excellency Ms. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, President of the Republic of the Philippines
6. Address by His Highness Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al-Thani, Amir of the State of Qatar
7. Address by His Excellency Mr. Daniel Ortega Saavedra, President of the Republic of Nicaragua
8. Address by Her Excellency Ms. Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf, President of the Republic of Liberia
9. Address by His Excellency Mr. Abdullah Gül, President of the Republic of Turkey
10. Address by Her Excellency Ms. Cristina Fernández de Kirchner, President of the Argentine Republic
11. Address by His Excellency Mr. Marc Ravalomanana, President of the Republic of Madagascar
12. Address by His Excellency Mr. Boris Tadić, President of the Republic of Serbia
13. Address by His Excellency Mr. Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete, President of the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the African Union)
14. Opening of the general debate . . . . . [8]

    Address by His Excellency Mr. Didjob Divungi Di Ndinge, Vice-President of the Gabonese Republic

    Address by His Excellency The Honourable Winston Baldwin Spencer, Prime Minister of Antigua and Barbuda

3 p.m. . . . . 6th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

1. Address by Her Excellency Ms. Tarja Halonen, President of the Republic of Finland
2. Address by His Excellency Mr. Haris Silajdžić, Chairman of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina
3. Address by His Excellency Mr. Paul Kagame, President of the Republic of Rwanda

4. Address by His Excellency Mr. Valdas Adamkus, President of the Republic of Lithuania
5. Address by His Excellency Mr. Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, President of the Islamic Republic of Iran
6. Address by His Excellency General Michel Sleiman, President of the Lebanese Republic
7. Address by His Excellency Mr. Mwai Kibaki, President of the Republic of Kenya
8. Address by His Excellency Mr. Martín Torrijos, President of the Republic of Panama
9. Address by His Excellency Mr. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, President of the Republic of Uganda
10. Address by His Excellency Mr. Bharrat Jagdeo, President of the Republic of Guyana
11. Address by His Excellency Mr. Mikheil Saakashvili, President of Georgia
12. Address by His Excellency Mr. Evo Morales Ayma, President of the Republic of Bolivia
13. Address by His Excellency Mr. Hifikepunye Pohamba, President of the Republic of Namibia
14. Address by His Excellency Mr. Pascal Couchepin, President of the Swiss Confederation
15. Address by His Excellency Mr. Bony Yayi, President of the Republic of Benin
16. Address by His Excellency Mr. Abdullahi Yusuf Ahmed, President of the Transitional Federal Government of the Somali Republic

Main Committees

First Committee

The First Committee will hold its organizational meeting on Thursday, 2 October 2008, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4, to consider its tentative programme of work and timetable (see document A/62/399*).

The Committee will begin its substantive work by holding a general debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items from Monday, 6, to Tuesday, 14 October 2008. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to kindly contact Ms. Giulia Marrone (room S-2977; tel. 1 (917) 367-9328; e-mail marrone@un.org).

Delegations are reminded that, during the general debate, in accordance with the practice at recent sessions of the First Committee and guidance provided by the Bureau, a time limit should be observed of 10 minutes for delegations speaking in their national capacity, and 15 minutes for those speaking on behalf of several delegations. The list of speakers will be prepared on the basis of this time limit.

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be forwarded to Mr. Jarmo Sareva, Secretary of the First Committee (c/o Ms. Francine Leong (room S-2977; tel. 1 (212) 963-4389; fax 1 (212) 963-5305; e-mail leong@un.org)).

Delegations wishing to reserve conference rooms for consultations during the session should contact Ms. Lidija Komatina (tel. 1 (212) 963-2378).

A technical briefing by the Secretariat for delegates of the First Committee will be held on Wednesday, 1 October 2008, at a time and venue to be announced.

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

The Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will hold its 1st meeting on Thursday, 2 October 2008, from 10 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room 4. The agenda for the meeting will be as follows: Allocation of agenda items (A/C.4/63/1)[1]; organization of work (A/C.4/63/L.1)[1]; list of documents of the Committee (A/C.4/63/INF/1)[1]; and aide-mémoire on requests for hearing (1/08)[2].

The Committee will begin its consideration of the cluster of items on decolonization on Monday, 6 October, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers for the general debate relating to all decolonization items are kindly requested to notify Mr. Martin Vrastiak (room S-2977JJ; tel. 1 (917) 367-9324; e-mail vrastiak@un.org).

Delegations are also reminded that the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) are to be submitted to Mr. Saijin Zhang, Secretary of the Committee (c/o Mr. John Pabon, room S-2977NN; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

[1]To be issued.
[2]To be distributed at the meeting.

Second Committee

Organizational meeting

The Second Committee will hold its first meeting on Monday, 29 September 2008, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4, to consider its proposed organization of work, which will be issued as document A/C.2/63/L.1.

General debate

The Committee will begin its general debate on Monday, 6 October 2008, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2.

List of speakers

The list of speakers for the general debate and for all other items allocated to the Second Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact, *in writing*, the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Dolores Lois (fax 1 (212) 963-5935; or e-mail lois@un.org)).

Composition of delegations

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers, should be submitted *as soon as possible* to Ms. Jennifer de Laurentis, Secretary of the Second Committee (room S-2950C; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Third Committee

List of speakers

The list of speakers for the general discussion on all items allocated to the Third Committee will open on Wednesday, 24 September 2008. The Committee will begin its work on Monday, 6 October, at 10 a.m.

Participants

Delegations that have not submitted the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers are reminded to convey such information to the Secretary of the Third Committee, Mr. Moncef Khane (room S-2950D; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its organizational meeting on Friday, 3 October 2008, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3, to consider its proposed programme of work. The status of preparedness of documentation for the Fifth Committee during the sixty-third session of the General Assembly will be issued as document A/C.5/63/L.1.

The Deputy Secretary-General, Ms. Asha-Rose Migiro, will make a statement at the Committee's organizational meeting.

Delegations that have not done so are kindly reminded to submit the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers to the Secretary of the Fifth Committee, Mr. Movses Abelian (room S-2633A; fax 1 (212) 963-0360).

Information on the work of the Fifth Committee during the sixty-third session of the General Assembly, including the tentative and provisional programme of work, is available at <www.un.org/ga/fifth>.

Informal briefings

Informal briefings (closed) will be held as follows:

Friday, 3 October 2008, immediately following the organizational meeting of the Fifth Committee, in Conference Room 3:

Reform and management of the United Nations (by Ms. Angela Kane, Under-Secretary-General for Management)

Monday, 6 October 2008, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 3:

Human Resources Management (by Ms. Catherine Pollard, Assistant Secretary-General, Human Resources Management); and

Tuesday, 7 October 2008, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 3:

Enterprise resource planning (ERP)/Information and communication technology (ICT) (by Mr. Choi Soon-hong, Chief Information Technology Officer, Assistant Secretary-General); and

Capital master plan (by Mr. Michael Adlerstein, Executive Director, Assistant Secretary-General, CMP).

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

Informal consultations on the provisional agenda item 73 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 73 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea) of the provisional agenda of the sixty-third regular session of the General Assembly will be held on Monday, 29 September, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B; and from Wednesday,

1, to Friday, 3 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Information sessions for new delegates, organized by the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DOALOS), will be held on Monday, 29 September 2008, from 1 to 1.45 p.m. in Conference Room B, on the outcome of the eighteenth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and the outcome of recent sessions of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf; and on Wednesday, 1 October 2008, from 1 to 1.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8, on the outcome of the second meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Informal Working Group to study issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction and relevant recent developments within the Convention on Biological Diversity, and the outcome of the ninth meeting of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea.

International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

Executive Board
Fifth session
Second resumed session

The second resumed fifth session (closed) of the Executive Board of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advance of Women (INSTRAW) will be held on Thursday, 2 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

General debate
(23 September–1 October 2008)

The provisional list of speakers (No. 3) for the general debate of the sixty-third regular session of the General Assembly is now available at the General Assembly Affairs Branch (rooms S-2925 and S-2940B). The provisional list of speakers (No. 3) has also been sent by facsimile directly to the Permanent Missions (Office of the Permanent Representative).

Delegations are reminded that, in accordance with the practice at recent sessions of the General Assembly, a voluntary 15-minute time limit should be observed during the general debate. The list of speakers was prepared on the basis of this 15-minute time limit. To help speakers in the general debate respect the time limit, a mechanism will be installed at the rostrum of the General Assembly Hall.

Delegations are invited to send by e-mail an electronic copy of their statement(s), in one or more of the United Nations official languages, to ensure timely posting of the text on the United Nations Web site and as a step to reducing paper usage. Statements should be sent to: webcast@un.org and to newscentre@un.org.

High-level event on the Millennium Development Goals convened by the Secretary-General and the President of the General Assembly (25 September 2008)

A high-level event on the Millennium Development Goals will be held on Thursday, 25 September 2008, with an opening segment starting at 8.45 a.m. in the General Assembly Hall. Immediately thereafter, three parallel round tables will be held in the morning and continue in the afternoon. The venues will be announced at a later date. The closing segment will be held at 5.30 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

The three round tables will address the following themes and two cross-cutting issues, (a) Gender equality and (b) Global partnership for development:

Round table I: Poverty and hunger (Conference Room 4)

Round table II: Education and health (Trusteeship Council Chamber)

Round table III: Environmental sustainability (Economic and Social Council Chamber)

The maximum number of participants from each regional group for each round table shall be distributed as follows:

African States (18 Member States)

Asian States (18 Member States)

Eastern European States (8 Member States)

Latin American and Caribbean States (11 Member States)

Western European and other States (9 Member States)

Kiribati, the Holy See in its capacity as Observer State, and Palestine in its capacity as observer, may participate in any one of the round tables.

Delegations are reminded that participation at the meeting is expected at the highest possible political level.

In order to accommodate all the participants, interventions should not exceed *three minutes*, with the understanding, that the full text can be distributed in the conference room.

The inscriptions in the round tables are on a first-come, first-served basis. Delegations wishing to participate are kindly requested to inscribe with the General Assembly Affairs Branch (room S-2994B; tel. 1 (212) 963-2333; fax 1 (212) 963-3783; or e-mail dizon@un.org)

Information on the side events which will take place on the same day can be accessed at the following Web site <www.un.org/millenniumgoals/2008highlevel/Partnership%20Events.pdf>.

General Assembly
Sixty-third session

High-level plenary meeting devoted to the midterm review of the Almaty Programme of Action (2 and 3 October 2008)

A high-level plenary meeting devoted to the midterm review of the Almaty Programme of Action will be held on 2 and 3 October 2008. It will comprise an opening plenary meeting on Thursday, 2 October 2008 (morning), in the General Assembly Hall, followed immediately by a high-level panel on the theme "*Role of International Support in establishing efficient transit transport systems to expand trade opportunities for landlocked developing countries*", to be held in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. The high-level plenary meeting will continue the same day from 3 to 6 p.m.; and the following day from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 5.30 p.m. in the General Assembly Hall.

The outcome document of the high-level midterm review of the Almaty Programme of Action will be adopted at the closing plenary meeting to be held on Friday, 3 October 2008, from 5.30 to 6 p.m. in the General Assembly Hall.

Delegations wishing to participate are kindly requested to inscribe with the General Assembly Affairs Branch (room S-2940B; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063; fax 1 (212) 963-3783; or e-mail heddachem@un.org). Participation at the meeting is expected at the ministerial or highest possible level. Delegations are encouraged to limit their interventions during the plenary meetings to no more than seven minutes.

A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 25 July 2008, as well as an information note on the high-level plenary meeting and its tentative programme have been sent to all Member States by facsimile and can be accessed at the following Web site <www.un.org/ga/president/62/letters/almaty250708.pdf>.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Commonwealth (Meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs)

Wednesday, 24 September 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Commonwealth (Heads of the Government Special Meeting)

Wednesday, 24 September 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Group of 77 (Twentieth Annual Meeting of Senior Officials)

Wednesday, 24 September 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

Group of 77 (Thirty-second Annual Meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs)

Friday, 26 September 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Ministerial Meeting of the Least Developed Countries (LDCs)

Monday, 29 September 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

Forthcoming other activities

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Ministerial Meeting in Support of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (organized by the Permanent Missions of Australia, Austria, Canada, Costa Rica, Finland, Japan and the Netherlands)

Wednesday, 24 September 2008, from 9.30 to 10.40 a.m. in Conference Room 2.

[For further information, please contact Ms. Elke Merks, Permanent Mission of the Netherlands (tel. 1 (212) 519-9553 or 1 (212) 519-9744; e-mail elke.merks@minbuza.nl).]

Briefing for parliamentarians attending the general debate of the sixty-third session of the General Assembly on cooperation between the United Nations, national parliaments and the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) (sponsored by the Permanent Mission of Italy in cooperation with the Inter-Parliamentary Union)

Friday, 26 September 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[Permanent Representatives and Observers are invited to attend. For more information contact the IPU Office (tel. 1 (212) 557-5880; e-mail ny-office@mail.ipu.org).]

High-Level Investment Forum "Investing in landlocked developing countries: trends, experiences and the way forward" (jointly organized by the UN-OHRLLS, UNCTAD and the World Bank)

Wednesday, 1 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Margherita Musollino-Berg, UN-OHRLLS (tel. 1 (212) 963-4844; e-mail musollino@un.org).]

Round table on "Regional dimension for transit transport cooperation", as part of the High-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly devoted to the midterm review of the Almaty Programme of Action (organized by the UN-OHRLLS)

Friday, 3 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Margherita Musollino-Berg, UN-OHRLLS (tel. 1 (212) 963-4844; e-mail musollino@un.org).]

Announcements

Informational meetings with Member States to discuss issues relating to language services

In accordance with the established practice mandated by the General Assembly, the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management holds informational meetings with Member States twice a year to consult with them on the improvement of the language services and to provide a channel for communication on terminology issues and the quality of services rendered. The second round of language-specific informational meetings for this year will be held in October, according to the following schedule:

Thursday, 2 October 2008, at 10 a.m., in Conference Room 5: *Arabic*
Thursday, 2 October, at 3 p.m., in Conference Room 5: *Chinese*
Friday, 3 October, at 10 a.m., in Conference Room 5: *English*
Friday, 3 October, at 3 p.m., in Conference Room 5: *French*
Monday, 6 October, at 1.15 p.m., in Conference Room 6: *Russian*
Tuesday, 7 October, at 1.15 p.m., in Conference Room 6: *Spanish.*

General Assembly

Credentials of representatives to the sixty-third session of the General Assembly

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the sixty-third regular session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (room S-3420B or S-3420D; tel. 1 (212) 963-5352 or 963-1107).

Proposed dates for the Working Groups of the Sixth Committee

The dates for the Working Groups of the Sixth Committee of the sixty-third session of the General Assembly (Administration of justice at the United Nations; Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission; and Measures to eliminate international terrorism), as proposed by the incoming Bureau, are now available on the Web site of the Sixth Committee <www.un.org/law/cod/sixth/>.

Launch of the new Web site of the *United Nations Treaty Collection*

The Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs is pleased to announce its new and substantially enhanced Web site in English and French at <treaties.un.org>. The Web site, known as the United Nations Treaty Collection (UNTC), is the authoritative source of information on multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General and treaties registered with the Secretariat. A user name and password are no longer needed to access the collection. For further information, please contact the Treaty Section (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047).

Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development

The Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development seeks voluntary contributions in order to support the activities involved in the preparations for the Doha Review Conference in 2008, and to support the travel and participation of representatives of developing countries, in particular least developed countries (para. 12 of General Assembly resolution 62/187 (A/RES/62/187)). The Secretary-General issued, on 6 June 2008, a note verbale to all Governments through their Permanent Missions, appealing for voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund. In accordance with the terms of reference of the Trust Fund, voluntary contributions may be received from Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, private institutions and individuals.

For further information on the Trust Fund, please contact Ms. Dominika Halka, Financing for Development Office, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-6653; e-mail halka@un.org); or visit <www.un.org/esa/ffd/trustfund/>.

Security Council

Web site of the presidency

The Web site of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at <www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp>.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council <www.un.org/Docs/sc>.

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

Access to back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*

Back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*, in English and French, can be accessed at the following addresses: <www.un.org/ga/search/journal.asp> and <www.un.org/french/ga/search/journal.asp>.

[All comments and suggestions about the daily *Journal* are welcomed. Kindly contact the Journal Unit at journal@un.org.]

Summary of official meetings

Friday, 19 September 2008

Security Council

5975th meeting (closed) *Meeting of the Security Council with the troop-contributing countries pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, sections A and B*

United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad

The Security Council met in private. At the close of the meeting, the following communiqué was issued by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Council:

"On 19 September 2008, the Security Council, pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, sections A and B, held its 5975th meeting in private with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad.

"The Security Council and the troop-contributing countries heard a briefing under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure by Mr. Victor Da Silva Angelo, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad.

"The Security Council and the troop-contributing countries also heard briefings under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure by Ms. Ann-Marie Orler, Deputy Police Advisor of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations (DPKO); Colonel Ian Sinclair, Chief of Staff of the Office of Military Affairs of DPKO; Lieutenant Colonel Adrian Garside, Office of Military Affairs of DPKO; and Mr. Badri Poudel, Senior Support Officer of the Department of Field Support.

"Members of the Council, Mr. Angelo, Ms. Orler, Mr. Sinclair, Mr. Garside, Mr. Poudel and representatives of participating troop-contributing countries had an exchange of views."

5976th meeting

The situation in Chad, the Central African Republic and the subregion

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad (S/2008/601)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of the Central African Republic and Chad, at their request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Victor Da Silva Angelo, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by Mr. Angelo.

The Council heard a statement by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Central African Republic, H.E. Mr. Dieudonné Kombo-Yaya.

The Council heard a statement by the representative of Chad.

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

2nd plenary meeting

Organization of the sixty-third regular session of the General Assembly, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: First report of the General Committee (A/63/250)

Section I

The General Assembly took note of paragraph 2 of the report.

Organization of the session (Section II)

The General Committee decided to address all of the established organizational matters concerning the General Assembly, contained in the Secretary-General's memorandum as a whole.

Section II.F

The representative of Japan made a statement.

The representative of the Secretariat made a statement.

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 16 of the report, that the general debate be held from Tuesday, 23 September to Saturday, 27 September 2008 and on Monday, 29 September 2008.

The General Assembly took note of all the information that it is requested to take note of and to approve all the recommendations of the General Committee contained in Section II of the report.

The General Assembly was informed of the recommendation contained in paragraph 15 of the report, that each delegation designate someone to be present in the meeting rooms at the scheduled time.

The General Assembly took note of paragraph 36 of the report, concerning the timely submission of draft proposals for the review of their programme budget implications.

Adoption of the agenda (Section III)

The General Assembly took note of paragraphs 44 to 49 of the report.

Item 19

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 50, that consideration of the item be postponed to a later date.

Item 28

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 51, not to include this item.

Item 40

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 52, that consideration of this item be deferred to the sixty-fourth session and that the item be included in the provisional agenda of that session.

Sub-item (e) of item 58

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 53, that the sub-item be included under heading B (Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences).

Sub-item (k) of item 107

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 54, that the sub-item be included under heading I (Organizational, administrative and other matters).

Sub-item (l) of item 107

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 55, that the sub-item be included under heading I (Organizational, administrative and other matters).

Item 153

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 56, that the item be included under heading I (Organizational, administrative and other matters).

Item 154

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 57, that the item be included under heading I (Organizational, administrative and other matters).

Item 155

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 58, that consideration of the question of the inclusion of this item be postponed to a later date.

Item 156

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 59, that consideration of the question of the inclusion of this item be postponed to a later date.

Item 157

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 60, not to include this item.

Item 158

The representative of the United States made a statement in explanation of vote before the vote.

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 61, that the item be included under heading F (Promotion of justice and international law).

Item 159

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 62, that consideration of the question of the inclusion of this item be postponed to a later date.

Item 160

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 63, that the item be included under heading I (Organizational, administrative and other matters).

Pre-heading items

The General Assembly decided to include items 4 to 8 in the agenda.

Heading A

The General Assembly decided to include all the items listed under heading A (Maintenance of international peace and security).

Heading B

The General Assembly decided to include all the items listed under heading B (Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences).

Heading C

The General Assembly decided to include all the items listed under heading C (Development of Africa).

Heading D

The General Assembly decided to include all the items listed under heading D (Promotion of human rights).

Heading E

The General Assembly decided to include all the items listed under heading E (Effective coordination of humanitarian assistance efforts).

Heading F

The General Assembly decided to include all the items listed under heading F (Promotion of justice and international law).

Heading G

The General Assembly decided to include all the items listed under heading G (Disarmament).

Heading H

The General Assembly decided to include all the items listed under heading H (Drug control, crime prevention and combating international terrorism in all its forms and manifestations).

Heading I

The General Assembly decided to include all the items listed under heading I (Organizational, administrative and other matters).

Allocation of items (Section IV)

The General Assembly took note of the information contained in paragraph 67 concerning the granting of observer status.

Plenary meetings

The General Assembly approved all of the recommendations of the General Committee contained in paragraphs 69 (a) to (h), relating to plenary meetings.

First Committee

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 70.

Second Committee

The General Assembly took note of the information contained in paragraph 71.

Third Committee

The General Assembly approved the recommendations and took note of the information contained in paragraphs 72 (a) and (b).

Fifth Committee

The General Assembly approved the recommendations contained in paragraphs 73 (a) and (b).

Sixth Committee

The General Assembly approved the recommendations contained in paragraphs 74 (a) to (c).

The President of the General Assembly informed the Assembly that the General Committee had decided to defer to a later date its consideration of the allocation of item 58 contained in paragraph 75.

The General Assembly approved the allocation of items proposed in paragraph 76 for consideration directly in plenary meeting, as well as for the First Committee, the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee), the Second Committee, the Third Committee, the Fifth Committee and the Sixth Committee.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

European Agreement on main international traffic arteries (AGR). Geneva, 15 November 1975

Acceptance of amendments to Annex 1 of the AGR

Treaty event

Multilateral Treaty Framework: An invitation to universal participation

2008 Treaty Event: Towards universal participation and implementation — Dignity and justice for all of us

United Nations Headquarters (23-25 and 29 September-1 October 2008)

It is recalled that a series of successful treaty events has been held annually at the United Nations Headquarters commencing with the Millennium Summit in September 2000. This year, the annual treaty event will be held from 23 to 25 and on 29 September and 1 October 2008, to coincide with the general debate of the sixty-third General Assembly.

The event, entitled "2008 Treaty Event: Towards universal participation and implementation — Dignity and justice for all of us", provides a distinct opportunity for States to demonstrate their continuing commitment to the central role of the rule of law in international relations. This year's event will highlight treaties associated with the sixtieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Year of Planet Earth, the International Year of Sanitation and the International Polar Year, as well as transit and transport treaties of concern to landlocked and transit developing countries.

The list of treaties being highlighted this year has been circulated by depositary notification C.N.158.2008 of 7 March 2008. As is customary, it will be possible to undertake treaty actions with regard to any treaty deposited with the Secretary-General during the treaty event. Necessary facilities, including media coverage, will be made available for treaty actions to be undertaken in a solemn setting.

Delegations intending to sign or deposit instruments relating to multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General during the treaty event may wish to inform their Governments accordingly for the purpose of completing the requisite domestic procedures.

Under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign treaties, on behalf of States without having to produce to full powers to that effect. All other representatives wishing to sign treaties must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of specified treaties by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Likewise, instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession must be issued and signed by the same authorities.

Further information concerning the 2008 Treaty Event is available on the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site <treaties.un.org> and at the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs (contact: Ms. Sherry Holbrook (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047)). Information

concerning the requirements for full powers and the deposit of instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession (including model instruments) can be found in the *Treaty Handbook*, which is also available on the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site.

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *September 2008* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Guinea
H.E. Mr. Alpha Ibrahim Sow

Asian States:
India
H.E. Mr. Nirupam Sen

Eastern European States:
Bosnia and Herzegovina
H.E. Mr. Miloš Prica

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Bolivia
H.E. Mr. Hugo Siles Alvarado

Western European and other States:
Greece
H.E. Mr. John Mourikis

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A/62/956	Items 21 and 71 (a) — Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba — Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations — Letter dated 11 September 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Cuba to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/62/957	Item 116 — Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit — Letter dated 15 September 2008 from the Deputy Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]
	Sixty-third session
A/63/174/Corr.1	Item 73 (a) of the provisional agenda — Oceans and the law of the sea — Report on the work of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea at its ninth meeting — Letter dated 25 July 2008 from the Co-Chairpersons of the Consultative Process addressed to the President of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]

A/63/182	Item 91 (c) of the provisional agenda — General and complete disarmament — Problems arising from the accumulation of conventional ammunition stockpiles in surplus — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/63/250	Organization of the sixty-third regular session of the General Assembly, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items — First report of the General Committee [A C E F R S]
A/63/290*	Reissued for technical reasons [A C E F R S]
A/63/298	Items 121 and 126 of the provisional agenda — Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 — Human resources management — Detailed proposals for streamlining United Nations contractual arrangements: a way forward — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/63/310/Add.1	Item 126 of the provisional agenda — Human resources management — Gratis personnel provided by Governments and other entities — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/63/310/Add.2	Item 126 of the provisional agenda — Human resources management — Employment of retirees and retired former staff, and extension of staff beyond the mandatory age of separation — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

Security Council	**Documents**
S/2008/606	Letter dated 15 September 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Cambodia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/Agenda/5974	Provisional agenda [A C E F R S]

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

Documents

Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women

CEDAW/C/HTI/7	Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 18 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women — Combined initial, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh periodic reports of States parties — Haiti [A C E F R S]

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Official meetings

Tuesday, 23 September 2008

Security Council

3 p.m.	5979th meeting	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda

2. Maintenance of international peace and security

   Mediation and settlement of disputes

   Letter dated 3 September 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Burkina Faso to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (S/2008/590)

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

9 a.m.	5th plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall

1. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization: presentation by the Secretary-General of his annual report (A/63/1) [100]

2. Opening of the general debate [8]

3. Address by His Excellency Mr. Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, President of the Federative Republic of Brazil

4. Address by His Excellency Mr. George W. Bush, President of the United States of America

5. Address by His Excellency Mr. Nicolas Sarkozy, President of the French Republic

6. Address by Her Excellency Ms. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, President of the Republic of the Philippines

7. Address by His Highness Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al-Thani, Amir of the State of Qatar

8. Address by Her Excellency Ms. Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf, President of the Republic of Liberia

9. Address by His Excellency Mr. Abdullah Gül, President of the Republic of Turkey

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10. Address by Her Excellency Ms. Cristina Fernández de Kirchner, President of the Argentine Republic

11. Address by His Excellency Mr. Marc Ravalomanana, President of the Republic of Madagascar

12. Address by His Excellency Mr. Boris Tadić, President of the Republic of Serbia

13. Address by His Excellency Mr. Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete, President of the United Republic of Tanzania

14. Continuation of the general debate . . . . . [8]

Address by His Excellency Mr. Didjob Divungi Di Ndinge, Vice-President of the Gabonese Republic

3 p.m. . . . . 6th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

1. Address by Her Excellency Ms. Tarja Halonen, President of the Republic of Finland

2. Address by His Excellency Mr. Haris Silajdžić, Chairman of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina

3. Address by His Excellency Mr. Paul Kagame, President of the Republic of Rwanda

4. Address by His Excellency Mr. Valdas Adamkus, President of the Republic of Lithuania

5. Address by His Excellency Mr. Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, President of the Islamic Republic of Iran

6. Address by His Excellency General Michel Sleiman, President of the Lebanese Republic

7. Address by His Excellency Mr. Mwai Kibaki, President of the Republic of Kenya

8. Address by His Excellency Mr. Martín Torrijos, President of the Republic of Panama

9. Address by His Excellency Mr. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, President of the Republic of Uganda

10. Address by His Excellency Mr. Bharrat Jagdeo, President of the Republic of Guyana

11. Address by His Excellency Mr. Mikheil Saakashvili, President of Georgia

12. Address by His Excellency Mr. Evo Morales Ayma, President of the Republic of Bolivia

13. Address by His Excellency Mr. Hifikepunye Pohamba, President of the Republic of Namibia

14. Address by His Excellency Mr. Boni Yayi, President of the Republic of Benin

15. Address by His Excellency Mr. Abdullahi Yusuf Ahmed, President of the Transitional Federal Government of the Somali Republic

Other meetings

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Tuesday, 23 September 2008

Rio Group (Ministerial meeting with the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC)) (organized by the Permanent Missions of Mexico and Qatar)

12 noon–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Group of 77 (on the Ministerial Declaration)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

Tuesday, 23 September 2008

Room S-226

10.30 a.m. . . . . H.E. Mr. Nicolas Sarkozy, President of the French Republic

2 p.m. . . . . H.E. Mrs. Ingibjörg Sólrún Gísladóttir, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iceland; and H.E. Mr. Hjálmar W. Hannesson, Permanent Representative of Iceland (on Iceland's new fund for the Island Growth Initiative)

4.30 p.m. . . . . H.E. Ms. Tarja Halonen, President of the Republic of Finland; and H.E. Mr. Alexander Stubb, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Finland

7.30 p.m. . . . . H.E. Mr. Evo Morales Ayma, President of the Republic of Bolivia

Conference Room 4

5.30 p.m. . . . . H.E. Mr. Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, President of the Islamic Republic of Iran

Security Council stakeout

11 a.m. . . . . H.E. Mr. Pascal Couchepin, President of the Swiss Confederation

4.30 p.m. . . . . H.E. Mr. Shimon Peres, President of the State of Israel

Forthcoming official meetings

Wednesday, 24 September 2008

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

9 a.m. . . . . 7th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Mr. Mahinda Rajapaksa, President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka
2. Address by His Excellency Mr. Victor Yushchenko, President of Ukraine
3. Address by His Excellency Mr. Fernando Lugo Méndez, President of the Republic of Paraguay
4. Address by His Excellency Mr. John Agyekum Kufuor, President of the Republic of Ghana
5. Address by His Excellency Mr. Aníbal António Cavaco Silva, President of the Portuguese Republic
6. Address by Her Excellency Mrs. Michelle Bachelet Jeria, President of the Republic of Chile
7. Address by His Excellency Mr. Danilo Türk, President of the Republic of Slovenia
8. Address by His Excellency Mr. Leonel Fernández Reyna, President of the Dominican Republic
9. Address by His Excellency Mr. Abdoulaye Wade, President of the Republic of Senegal
10. Address by His Excellency Mr. Felipe Calderón Hinojosa, President of the United Mexican States
11. Address by His Excellency Mr. Hâmid Karzai, President of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan
12. Address by His Excellency Mr. Blaise Compaoré, President of Burkina Faso
13. Address by His Excellency Mr. Shimon Peres, President of the State of Israel
14. Continuation of the general debate . . . . . [8]

    Address by His Excellency Mr. Wen Jiabao, Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China

    Address by His Excellency Mr. José Ramón Machado Ventura, First Vice-President of the Council of State and Ministers of the Republic of Cuba

3 p.m. . . . . 8th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Mr. José Manuel Zelaya Rosales, President of the Republic of Honduras
2. Address by His Excellency Mr. Armando Emílio Guebuza, President of the Republic of Mozambique
3. Address by His Excellency Mr. Toomas Hendrik Ilves, President of the Republic of Estonia

4. Address by His Excellency Mr. Bingu Wa Mutharika, President of the Republic of Malawi
5. Address by His Excellency Mr. Dimitris Christofias, President of the Republic of Cyprus
6. Address by His Excellency Mr. Álvaro Uribe Vélez, President of the Republic of Colombia
7. Address by His Excellency Mr. Valdis Zatlers, President of the Republic of Latvia
8. Address by His Excellency The Honourable Marcus Stephen, President of the Republic of Nauru
9. Address by His Excellency Mr. Elías Antonio Saca González, President of the Republic of El Salvador
10. Address by His Excellency Mr. Runaldo Ronald Venetiaan, President of the Republic of Suriname
11. Address by His Excellency Mr. Álvaro Colom Caballeros, President of the Republic of Guatemala
12. Address by His Excellency Mr. Lech Kaczyński, President of the Republic of Poland
13. Address by His Excellency Army General François Bozizé, President of the Central African Republic
14. Address by His Excellency Mr. Pedro Verona Rodrigues Pires, President of the Republic of Cape Verde
15. Address by His Excellency Mr. Bamir Topi, President of the Republic of Albania
16. Address by His Excellency Mr. Óscar Arias Sánchez, President of the Republic of Costa Rica
17. Continuation of the general debate . . . . . [8]

Address by His Excellency Mr. Bayar Sanj, Prime Minister of Mongolia

Main Committees

First Committee

The First Committee will hold its organizational meeting on Thursday, 2 October 2008, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4, to consider its tentative programme of work and timetable (see document A/62/399*).

The Committee will begin its substantive work by holding a general debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items from Monday, 6, to Tuesday, 14 October 2008. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to kindly contact Ms. Giulia Marrone (room S-2977; tel. 1 (917) 367-9328; e-mail marrone@un.org).

Delegations are reminded that, during the general debate, in accordance with the practice at recent sessions of the First Committee and guidance provided by the Bureau, a time limit should be observed of 10 minutes for delegations speaking in their national capacity, and 15 minutes for those speaking on behalf of several delegations. The list of speakers will be prepared on the basis of this time limit.

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be forwarded to Mr. Jarmo Sareva, Secretary of the First Committee (c/o Ms. Francine Leong (room S-2977; tel. 1 (212) 963-4389; fax 1 (212) 963-5305; e-mail leong@un.org)).

Delegations wishing to reserve conference rooms for consultations during the session should contact Ms. Lidija Komatina (tel. 1 (212) 963-2378).

A technical briefing by the Secretariat for delegates of the First Committee will be held on Wednesday, 1 October 2008, at a time and venue to be announced.

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

The Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will hold its 1st meeting on Thursday, 2 October 2008, from 10 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room 4. The agenda for the meeting will be as follows: Allocation of agenda items (A/C.4/63/1)[1]; organization of work (A/C.4/63/L.1)[1]; list of documents of the Committee (A/C.4/63/INF/1)[1]; and aide-mémoire on requests for hearing (1/08)[2].

The Committee will begin its consideration of the cluster of items on decolonization on Monday, 6 October, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers for the general debate relating to all decolonization items are kindly requested to notify Mr. Martin Vrastiak (room S-2977JJ; tel. 1 (917) 367-9324; e-mail vrastiak@un.org).

Delegations are also reminded that the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) are to be submitted to Mr. Saijin Zhang, Secretary of the Committee (c/o Mr. John Pabon, room S-2977NN; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

[1]To be issued.
[2]To be distributed at the meeting.

Second Committee

Organizational meeting

The Second Committee will hold its first meeting on Monday, 29 September 2008, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4, to consider its proposed organization of work, which will be issued as document A/C.2/63/L.1.

General debate

The Committee will begin its general debate on Monday, 6 October 2008, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2.

List of speakers

The list of speakers for the general debate and for all other items allocated to the Second Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact, *in writing*, the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Dolores Lois (fax 1 (212) 963-5935; or e-mail lois@un.org)).

Composition of delegations

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers, should be submitted *as soon as possible* to Ms. Jennifer de Laurentis, Secretary of the Second Committee (room S-2950C; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Third Committee

List of speakers

The list of speakers for the general discussion on all items allocated to the Third Committee will open on Wednesday, 24 September 2008. The Committee will begin its work on Monday, 6 October, at 10 a.m.

Participants

Delegations that have not submitted the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers are reminded to convey such information to the Secretary of the Third Committee, Mr. Moncef Khane (room S-2950D; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its organizational meeting on Friday, 3 October 2008, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3, to consider its proposed programme of work. The status of preparedness of documentation for the Fifth Committee during the sixty-third session of the General Assembly will be issued as document A/C.5/63/L.1.

The Deputy Secretary-General, Ms. Asha-Rose Migiro, will make a statement at the Committee's organizational meeting.

Delegations that have not done so are kindly reminded to submit the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers to the Secretary of the Fifth Committee, Mr. Movses Abelian (room S-2633A; fax 1 (212) 963-0360).

Information on the work of the Fifth Committee during the sixty-third session of the General Assembly, including the tentative and provisional programme of work, is available at <www.un.org/ga/fifth>.

Informal briefings

Informal briefings (closed) will be held as follows:

Friday, 3 October 2008, immediately following the organizational meeting of the Fifth Committee, in Conference Room 3:

Reform and management of the United Nations (by Ms. Angela Kane, Under-Secretary-General for Management)

Monday, 6 October 2008, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 3:

Human Resources Management (by Ms. Catherine Pollard, Assistant Secretary-General, Human Resources Management); and

High-level event on the Millennium Development Goals convened by the Secretary-General and the President of the General Assembly (25 September 2008)

A high-level event on the Millennium Development Goals will be held on Thursday, 25 September 2008, with an opening segment starting at 8.45 a.m. in the General Assembly Hall. Immediately thereafter, three parallel round tables will be held in the morning and continue in the afternoon. The venues will be announced at a later date. The closing segment will be held at 5.30 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

The three round tables will address the following themes and two cross-cutting issues, (a) Gender equality and (b) Global partnership for development:

Round table I: Poverty and hunger (Conference Room 4)

Round table II: Education and health (Trusteeship Council Chamber)

Round table III: Environmental sustainability (Economic and Social Council Chamber)

The maximum number of participants from each regional group for each round table shall be distributed as follows:

African States (18 Member States)

Asian States (18 Member States)

Eastern European States (8 Member States)

Latin American and Caribbean States (11 Member States)

Western European and other States (9 Member States)

Kiribati, the Holy See in its capacity as Observer State, and Palestine in its capacity as observer, may participate in any one of the round tables.

Delegations are reminded that participation at the meeting is expected at the highest possible political level.

In order to accommodate all the participants, interventions should not exceed *three minutes*, with the understanding, that the full text can be distributed in the conference room.

The inscriptions in the round tables are on a first-come, first-served basis. Delegations wishing to participate are kindly requested to inscribe with the General Assembly Affairs Branch (room S-2994B; tel. 1 (212) 963-2333; fax 1 (212) 963-3783; or e-mail dizon@un.org)

Information on the side events which will take place on the same day can be accessed at the following Web site <www.un.org/millenniumgoals/2008highlevel/Partnership%20Events.pdf>.

General Assembly
Sixty-third session

High-level plenary meeting devoted to the midterm review of the Almaty Programme of Action (2 and 3 October 2008)

A high-level plenary meeting devoted to the midterm review of the Almaty Programme of Action will be held on 2 and 3 October 2008. It will comprise an opening plenary meeting on Thursday, 2 October 2008 (morning), in the General Assembly Hall, followed immediately by a high-level panel on the theme "*Role of International Support in establishing efficient transit transport systems to expand trade opportunities for landlocked developing countries*", to be held in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. The high-level plenary meeting will continue the same day from 3 to 6 p.m.; and the following day from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 5.30 p.m. in the General Assembly Hall.

The outcome document of the high-level midterm review of the Almaty Programme of Action will be adopted at the closing plenary meeting to be held on Friday, 3 October 2008, from 5.30 to 6 p.m. in the General Assembly Hall.

Delegations wishing to participate are kindly requested to inscribe with the General Assembly Affairs Branch (room S-2940B; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063; fax 1 (212) 963-3783; or e-mail heddachem@un.org). Participation at the meeting is expected at the ministerial or highest possible level. Delegations are encouraged to limit their interventions during the plenary meetings to no more than seven minutes.

A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 25 July 2008, as well as an information note on the high-level plenary meeting and its tentative programme have been sent to all Member States by facsimile and can be accessed at the following Web site <www.un.org/ga/president/62/letters/almaty250708.pdf>.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Commonwealth (Meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs)

Wednesday, 24 September 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Commonwealth (Heads of the Government Special Meeting)

Wednesday, 24 September 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Group of 77 (Twentieth Annual Meeting of Senior Officials)

Wednesday, 24 September 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

Group of 77 (Thirty-second Annual Meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs)

Friday, 26 September 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

OIC Committee on Palestine (at the ministerial level)

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Wednesday, 24 September 2008, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

OIC Contact Group on Somalia (at the ministerial level)

Wednesday, 24 September 2008, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

OIC Annual Coordination Meeting of Foreign Ministers (at the ministerial level)

Friday, 26 September 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

Ministerial Meeting of the Least Developed Countries (LDCs)

Monday, 29 September 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

UNITAR seminar on "Labour migration: protection, gender and development" (organized in collaboration with IOM, UNFPA, ILO and the MacArthur Foundation)

Friday, 3 October 2008, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D.

[Advance registration is required to attend the seminar. For further information please visit <www.unitarny.org/en/migdevseries.html>; or contact Ms. Victoria Rietig, UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021; e-mail victoriarietig@unitarny.org).]

Forthcoming other activities

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Briefing for parliamentarians attending the general debate of the sixty-third session of the General Assembly on cooperation between the United Nations, national parliaments and the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) (sponsored by the Permanent Mission of Italy in cooperation with the Inter-Parliamentary Union)

Friday, 26 September 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[Permanent Representatives and Observers are invited to attend. For more information contact the IPU Office (tel. 1 (212) 557-5880; e-mail ny-office@mail.ipu.org).]

High-Level Investment Forum "Investing in landlocked developing countries: trends, experiences and the way forward" (jointly organized by the UN-OHRLLS, UNCTAD and the World Bank)

Wednesday, 1 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Margherita Musollino-Berg, UN-OHRLLS (tel. 1 (212) 963-4844; e-mail musollino@un.org).]

Round table on "Regional dimension for transit transport cooperation", as part of the High-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly devoted to the midterm review of the Almaty Programme of Action (organized by the UN-OHRLLS)

Friday, 3 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

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Informational meetings with Member States to discuss issues relating to language services

In accordance with the established practice mandated by the General Assembly, the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management holds informational meetings with Member States twice a year to consult with them on the improvement of the language services and to provide a channel for communication on terminology issues and the quality of services rendered. The second round of language-specific informational meetings for this year will be held in October, according to the following schedule:

Thursday, 2 October 2008, at 10 a.m., in Conference Room 5: *Arabic*
Thursday, 2 October, at 3 p.m., in Conference Room 5: *Chinese*
Friday, 3 October, at 10 a.m., in Conference Room 5: *English*
Friday, 3 October, at 3 p.m., in Conference Room 5: *French*
Monday, 6 October, at 1.15 p.m., in Conference Room 6: *Russian*
Tuesday, 7 October, at 1.15 p.m., in Conference Room 6: *Spanish.*

General Assembly

Credentials of representatives to the sixty-third session of the General Assembly

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the sixty-third regular session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (room S-3420B or S-3420D; tel. 1 (212) 963-5352 or 963-1107).

Proposed dates for the Working Groups of the Sixth Committee

The dates for the Working Groups of the Sixth Committee of the sixty-third session of the General Assembly (Administration of justice at the United Nations; Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission; and Measures to eliminate international terrorism), as proposed by the incoming Bureau, are now available on the Web site of the Sixth Committee <www.un.org/law/cod/sixth/>.

Launch of the new Web site of the *United Nations Treaty Collection*

The Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs is pleased to announce its new and substantially enhanced Web site in English and French at <treaties.un.org>. The Web

site, known as the United Nations Treaty Collection (UNTC), is the authoritative source of information on multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General and treaties registered with the Secretariat. A user name and password are no longer needed to access the collection. For further information, please contact the Treaty Section (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047).

Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development

The Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development seeks voluntary contributions in order to support the activities involved in the preparations for the Doha Review Conference in 2008, and to support the travel and participation of representatives of developing countries, in particular least developed countries (para. 12 of General Assembly resolution 62/187 (A/RES/62/187)). The Secretary-General issued, on 6 June 2008, a note verbale to all Governments through their Permanent Missions, appealing for voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund. In accordance with the terms of reference of the Trust Fund, voluntary contributions may be received from Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, private institutions and individuals.

For further information on the Trust Fund, please contact Ms. Dominika Halka, Financing for Development Office, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-6653; e-mail halka@un.org); or visit <www.un.org/esa/ffd/trustfund/>.

Security Council

Web site of the presidency

The Web site of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at <www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp>.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council <www.un.org/Docs/sc>.

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

Access to back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*

Back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*, in English and French, can be accessed at the following addresses: <www.un.org/ga/search/journal.asp> and <www.un.org/french/ga/search/journal.asp>.

[All comments and suggestions about the daily *Journal* are welcomed. Kindly contact the Journal Unit at journal@un.org.]

Summary of official meetings

Monday, 22 September 2008

Security Council

5977th meeting

The situation in Afghanistan

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Afghanistan, at his request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2008/610, which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council proceeded to vote on the draft resolution (S/2008/610) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2008/610) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1833 (2008).

Following the vote, a statement was made by the representative of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

5978th meeting

Threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2008/35).

General Assembly

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3rd-4th plenary meetings The summary of the 3rd and 4th plenary meetings of the General Assembly will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2008/186).

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. New York, 9 December 1999

Ratification: Guinea-Bissau (19 September 2008)[1]

Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade. Rotterdam, 10 September 1998

Accession: Nicaragua (19 September 2008)[1]

[1]Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Treaty event

Multilateral Treaty Framework: An invitation to universal participation

2008 Treaty Event: Towards universal participation and implementation — Dignity and justice for all of us

United Nations Headquarters (*23*-25 and 29 September-1 October 2008)

It is recalled that a series of successful treaty events has been held annually at the United Nations Headquarters commencing with the Millennium Summit in September 2000. This year, the annual treaty event will be held from *today, 23* to 25 and on 29 September and 1 October 2008, to coincide with the general debate of the sixty-third General Assembly.

The event, entitled "2008 Treaty Event: Towards universal participation and implementation — Dignity and justice for all of us", provides a distinct opportunity for States to demonstrate their continuing commitment to the central role of the rule of law in international relations. This year's event will highlight treaties associated with the sixtieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Year of Planet Earth, the International Year of Sanitation and the International Polar Year, as well as transit and transport treaties of concern to landlocked and transit developing countries.

The list of treaties being highlighted this year has been circulated by depositary notification C.N.158.2008 of 7 March 2008. As is customary, it will be possible to

undertake treaty actions with regard to any treaty deposited with the Secretary-General during the treaty event. Necessary facilities, including media coverage, will be made available for treaty actions to be undertaken in a solemn setting.

Delegations intending to sign or deposit instruments relating to multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General during the treaty event may wish to inform their Governments accordingly for the purpose of completing the requisite domestic procedures.

Under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign treaties, on behalf of States without having to produce to full powers to that effect. All other representatives wishing to sign treaties must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of specified treaties by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Likewise, instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession must be issued and signed by the same authorities.

Further information concerning the 2008 Treaty Event is available on the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site <treaties.un.org> and at the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs (contact: Ms. Sherry Holbrook (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047)). Information concerning the requirements for full powers and the deposit of instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession (including model instruments) can be found in the *Treaty Handbook*, which is also available on the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site.

General information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *September 2008* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Guinea
H.E. Mr. Alpha Ibrahim Sow

Asian States:
India
H.E. Mr. Nirupam Sen

Eastern European States:
Bosnia and Herzegovina
H.E. Mr. Miloš Prica

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Bolivia
H.E. Mr. Hugo Siles Alvarado

Western European and other States:
Greece
H.E. Mr. John Mourikis

Daily list of documents issued at Headquarters

With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations in the electronic version of the present Journal. The list contains documents issued by 2 p.m. on Monday, 22 September 2008.

Symbol	*Main title*
General Assembly	**Official Records**
	Sixty-second session
	Third Committee
A/C.3/62/SR.1–55/Corrigendum	Meetings held from 8 October 2007 to 4 June 2008 [A C E F R S]

General Assembly	**Documents**
	Sixty-second session
A/62/945	Item 54 (b) — Sustainable development: follow-up and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States — Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
	Sixty-third session
A/63/251	Agenda of the sixty-third session of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]
A/63/263	Item 67 (b) of the provisional agenda — Promotion and protection of human rights: human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms — The right to health — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/63/286	Item 67 (b) of the provisional agenda — Promotion and protection of human rights: human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms — Protection of and assistance to internally displaced persons — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/63/291	Item 53 of the provisional agenda — Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/63/321	Item 42 of the provisional agenda — Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions — Assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa (covering the period 1 January 2007-15 June 2008) — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/63/L.1	Item 57 (a) — New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support — Draft resolution submitted by the President of the General Assembly — Political declaration on Africa's development needs [A C E F R S]

Security Council	Documents
S/Agenda/5975	Provisional agenda [A C E F R S]
S/Agenda/5976	Provisional agenda [A C E F R S]

Economic and Social Council

Official Records

Substantive session of 2008
High-level segment

E/2008/SR.20	Meeting held on 3 July 2008, 7.15 p.m. [E F S (only)]

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

Official Records

Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women
Forty-first session

CEDAW/C/SR.839	Meeting held on 8 July 2008, 10 a.m. [A C E F R S]

Communications to the Editor

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Official meetings

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Security Council

2.30 p.m. — 5980th meeting — Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Chad, the Central African Republic and the subregion

   Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad (S/2008/601 and S/2008/601/Add.1)

Afternoon[1] — 5981st meeting — Security Council Chamber

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[1] To be held following the adjournment of the 5980th meeting.

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

9 a.m. — 7th plenary meeting — General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Mr. Mahinda Rajapáksa, President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka
2. Address by His Excellency Mr. Victor Yushchenko, President of Ukraine
3. Address by His Excellency Mr. Fernando Lugo Méndez, President of the Republic of Paraguay
4. Address by His Excellency Mr. John Agyekum Kufuor, President of the Republic of Ghana
5. Address by His Excellency Mr. Aníbal António Cavaco Silva, President of the Portuguese Republic
6. Address by Her Excellency Mrs. Michelle Bachelet Jeria, President of the Republic of Chile
7. Address by His Excellency Mr. Danilo Türk, President of the Republic of Slovenia
8. Address by His Excellency Mr. Leonel Fernández Reyna, President of the Dominican Republic
9. Address by His Excellency Mr. Abdoulaye Wade, President of the Republic of Senegal

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10. Address by His Excellency Mr. Felipe Calderón Hinojosa, President of the United Mexican States

11. Address by His Excellency Mr. Hâmid Karzai, President of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan

12. Address by His Excellency Mr. Blaise Compaoré, President of Burkina Faso

13. Address by His Excellency Mr. Shimon Peres, President of the State of Israel

14. Continuation of the general debate . . . . . [8]

Address by His Excellency Mr. Wen Jiabao, Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China

Address by His Excellency Mr. José Ramón Machado Ventura, First Vice-President of the Council of State and Ministers of the Republic of Cuba

3 p.m. . . . . 8th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Mr. José Manuel Zelaya Rosales, President of the Republic of Honduras

2. Address by His Excellency Mr. Armando Emílio Guebuza, President of the Republic of Mozambique

3. Address by His Excellency Mr. Toomas Hendrik Ilves, President of the Republic of Estonia

4. Address by His Excellency Mr. Bingu Wa Mutharika, President of the Republic of Malawi

5. Address by His Excellency Mr. Dimitris Christofias, President of the Republic of Cyprus

6. Address by His Excellency Mr. Álvaro Uribe Vélez, President of the Republic of Colombia

7. Address by His Excellency Mr. Valdis Zatlers, President of the Republic of Latvia

8. Address by His Excellency The Honourable Marcus Stephen, President of the Republic of Nauru

9. Address by His Excellency Mr. Elías Antonio Saca González, President of the Republic of El Salvador

10. Address by His Excellency Mr. Runaldo Ronald Venetiaan, President of the Republic of Suriname

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12. Address by His Excellency Mr. Lech Kaczyński, President of the Republic of Poland

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Address by His Excellency Mr. Bayar Sanj, Prime Minister of Mongolia

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

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Press conferences

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Room S-226

9 a.m. . . . . Mr. Juan Somavía, Director-General, International Labour Organization (ILO); Mr. Achim Steiner, Executive Director, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP); Mr. Guy Ryder, General Secretary, International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC); and Mr. Ronnie Goldberg, Vice President, International Organisation of Employers (IOE) (to launch a study entitled "Green Jobs: Towards Decent Work in a Sustainable, Low-Carbon World")

11 a.m. . . . . H.E. Ms. Ursula Plassnik, Foreign Minister of Austria; H.E. Mr. Stephen Smith, Foreign Minister of Australia; H.E. Mr. Bruno Stagno Ugarte, Foreign Minister of Costa Rica; Mr. Michael Douglas, United Nations Messenger of Peace and actor; Mr. William Perry, Former United States Defence Secretary; Mr. Tibor Tóth, Executive Secretary of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization (CTBT) (on the Ministerial Meeting in Support of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty)

12.40 p.m. . . . . Secretary-General to hold a joint press conference with H.E. Mr. Jens Stoltenberg, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Norway; Mr. Achim Steiner, Executive Director, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP); Mr. Kemal Dervis, Administrator of United Nations Development Programme (UNDP); and Mr. Jacques Diouf, Director-General, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) (to launch a new initiative to reduce emissions resulting from deforestation and forest degradation)

6 p.m. . . . . H.E. Mr. Álvaro Uribe Vélez, President of the Republic of Colombia

Conference Room 4

10 a.m. . . . . H.E. Mr. Paul Kagame, President of the Republic of Rwanda; H.E. Mr. Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete, President of the United Republic of Tanzania; H.E. Mr. Yoweri Museveni, President of the Republic of Uganda; H.E. Mrs. Sandra Torres de Colom, First Lady of the Republic of Guatemala; Ms. Josette Sheeran, Executive Director, World Food Programme (WFP); Mr. Howard G. Buffett, Chairman of the Howard G. Buffett Foundation; and Mr. Bill Gates, Co-chair, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (to launch a joint initiative to empower small farmers)

11.05 a.m. . . . . Secretary-General to hold a joint press conference with Conference of Parties (COP) Troika leaders–H.E. Mr. Lech Kaczyński, President of the Republic of Poland; H.E. Mr. Anders Fogh Rasmussen, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Denmark; and H.E. Mr. Hassan Wirajuda, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Indonesia

Security Council stakeout

11.15 a.m. . . . . H.E. Mr. Leonel Fernández Reyna, President of the Dominican Republic

2.15 p.m. . . . . H.E. Mr. Emomali Rahmon, President of the Republic of Tajikistan; H.E. Mr. Jan Peter Balkenende, Prime Minister and Minister for General Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands; and Ms. Yoriko Kawaguchi, Special Envoy of the Government of Japan (to brief on the "Partnership Event Water and Sanitation for All")

3.30 p.m. . . . . H.E. Mr. Vuk Jeremić, Foreign Minister of Serbia

Forthcoming official meetings

Thursday, 25 September 2008

High-level event on the Millennium Development Goals convened by the Secretary-General and the President of the General Assembly

8.45–10 a.m. . . . . Opening segment . . . . . General Assembly Hall

Round tables

Round table I: ***Poverty and hunger***

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Conference Room 4

Co-chairs: H.E. Mr. Bingu Wa Mutharika, President of the Republic of Malawi; and H.E. Mr. José Luis Rodríguez Zapatero, President of the Government of the Kingdom of Spain

3–5.30 p.m. . . . . Conference Room 4

Co-chair: H.E. Mr. Boni Yayi, President of the Republic of Benin

Round table II: ***Education and health***

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Co-chairs: H.E. Mr. Danilo Türk, President of the Republic of Slovenia; and His Highness Sheikh Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Ahmad Al Jaber Al-Sabah, Prime Minister of the State of Kuwait

3–5.30 p.m. . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Co-chairs: H.E. Mrs. Michelle Bachelet Jeria, President of the Republic of Chile; and H.E. Mr. Jens Stoltenberg, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Norway

Round table III: ***Environmental Sustainability***

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Co-chairs: H.E. Mr. Han Seung Soo, Prime Minister of the Republic of Korea; and H.E. Mr. David Thompson, Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economic Affairs and Development, Labour, Civil Service and Energy of Barbados

3–5.30 p.m. . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Co-chairs: H.E. Ms. Tarja Halonen, President of the Republic of Finland; and H.E. Mr. Emomali Rahmon, President of the Republic of Tajikistan

5.30–5.45 p.m. . . . . Closing segment . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

[*Note:* Information on the side events which will take place on the same day can be accessed at the following Web site <www.un.org/millenniumgoals/2008highlevel/Partnership%20Events.pdf>.]

General Assembly
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9 a.m. . . . . 9th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Mr. Emomali Rahmon, President of the Republic of Tajikistan
2. Address by His Excellency Mr. Branko Crvenkovski, President of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
3. Address by His Excellency Mr. James Alix Michel, President of the Republic of Seychelles
4. Address by His Excellency Mr. Serz Sargsyan, President of the Republic of Armenia
5. Address by His Excellency Mr. Litokwa Tomeing, President of the Republic of the Marshall Islands
6. Address by His Excellency Mr. Ahmed Abdallah Sambi, President of the Union of the Comoros
7. Address by His Excellency Mr. Teodoro Obiang Nguema Mbasogo, President of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea
8. Address by His Excellency Mr. Anote Tong, President of the Republic of Kiribati
9. Address by His Excellency Mr. Fradique Bandeira Melo de Menezes, President of the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe
10. Address by His Excellency Mr. Ernest Bai Koroma, President of the Republic of Sierra Leone
11. Address by His Excellency Mr. Jalal Talabani, President of the Republic of Iraq
12. Continuation of the general debate . . . . . [8]

    Address by His Excellency The Honourable Elias Camsek Chin, Vice President of the Republic of Palau

    Address by His Excellency The Honourable Winston Baldwin Spencer, Prime Minister of Antigua and Barbuda

3 p.m. . . . . 10th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Mr. Emanuel Mori, President of the Federated States of Micronesia
2. Address by His Excellency Mr. João Bernardo Vieira, President of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau
3. Address by His Majesty King Mswati III, Head of State of the Kingdom of Swaziland
4. Address by His Excellency Mr. José Ramos-Horta, President of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste
5. Address by His Excellency Mr. Robert Mugabe, President of the Republic of Zimbabwe
6. Address by His Excellency Mr. Paul Biya, President of the Republic of Cameroon
7. Address by His Excellency Mr. Asif Ali Zardari, President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan
8. Continuation of the general debate . . . . . [8]

Address by His Excellency Mr. Ali Osman Mohamed Taha, Vice-President of the Republic of the Sudan

Address by His Excellency Mr. José Luis Rodríguez Zapatero, President of the Government of the Kingdom of Spain

Address by the Prime Minister of Japan

Address by His Highness Sheikh Nasser Al-Mohammad Al-Ahmad Al Jaber Al-Sabah, Prime Minister of the State of Kuwait

Address by His Excellency Mr. Han Seung-soo, Prime Minister of the Republic of Korea

Address by His Royal Highness Prince Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah, Crown Prince of Brunei Darussalam

Address by His Excellency The Honourable Kevin Rudd, Prime Minister of Australia

Address by His Excellency Mr. Albert Pintat, Chief of the Government of the Principality of Andorra

Address by His Excellency Mr. Fiorenzo Stolfi, Head of Government and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Political Affairs and Economic Planning of the Republic of San Marino

Address by His Excellency Mr. Jens Stoltenberg, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Norway

Address by His Excellency The Honourable Denzil Douglas, Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Minister of National Security and Immigration, Minister of Sustainable Development and Minister of Tourism, Sports and Culture of Saint Kitts and Nevis

Address by His Excellency Mr. Jan Peter Balkenende, Prime Minister and Minister for General Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands

Address by His Excellency Mr. Ralph E. Gonsalves, Prime Minister, Minister for Finance, Planning, Economic Development, Labour, Information, Grenadines and Legal Affairs of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

Main Committees

First Committee

The First Committee will hold its organizational meeting on Thursday, 2 October 2008, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4, to consider its tentative programme of work and timetable (see document A/62/399*).

The Committee will begin its substantive work by holding a general debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items from Monday, 6, to Tuesday, 14 October 2008. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to kindly contact Ms. Giulia Marrone (room S-2977; tel. 1 (917) 367-9328; e-mail marrone@un.org).

Delegations are reminded that, during the general debate, in accordance with the practice at recent sessions of the First Committee and guidance provided by the Bureau, a time limit should be observed of 10 minutes for delegations speaking in their national

capacity, and 15 minutes for those speaking on behalf of several delegations. The list of speakers will be prepared on the basis of this time limit.

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be forwarded to Mr. Jarmo Sareva, Secretary of the First Committee (c/o Ms. Francine Leong (room S-2977; tel. 1 (212) 963-4389; fax 1 (212) 963-5305; e-mail leong@un.org)).

Delegations wishing to reserve conference rooms for consultations during the session should contact Ms. Lidija Komatina (tel. 1 (212) 963-2378).

A technical briefing by the Secretariat for delegates of the First Committee will be held on Wednesday, 1 October 2008, from *11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 7.*

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

The Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will hold its 1st meeting on Thursday, 2 October 2008, from 10 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room 4. The agenda for the meeting will be as follows: Allocation of agenda items (A/C.4/63/1)[1]; organization of work (A/C.4/63/L.1); list of documents of the Committee (A/C.4/63/INF/1)[1]; and aide-mémoire on requests for hearing (1/08)[2].

The Committee will begin its consideration of the cluster of items on decolonization on Monday, 6 October, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers for the general debate relating to all decolonization items are kindly requested to notify Mr. Martin Vrastiak (room S-2977JJ; tel. 1 (917) 367-9324; e-mail vrastiak@un.org).

Delegations are also reminded that the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) are to be submitted to Mr. Saijin Zhang, Secretary of the Committee (c/o Mr. John Pabon, room S-2977NN; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

[1]To be issued.
[2]To be distributed at the meeting.

Second Committee

Organizational meeting

The Second Committee will hold its first meeting on Monday, 29 September 2008, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4, to consider its proposed organization of work, as contained in document A/C.2/63/L.1.

General debate

The Committee will begin its general debate on Monday, 6 October 2008, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2. The Deputy Secretary-General, Ms. Asha-Rose Migiro, and the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, Mr. Sha Zukang, will address the Committee before the opening of its general debate.

Information on the work of the Second Committee is available at <www.un.org/ga/second/>.

List of speakers

The list of speakers for the general debate and for all other items allocated to the Second Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact, *in writing*, the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Dolores Lois (fax 1 (212) 963-5935; or e-mail lois@un.org)).

Composition of delegations

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers, should be submitted *as soon as possible* to Ms. Jennifer de Laurentis, Secretary of the Second Committee (room S-2950C; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Third Committee

List of speakers

The list of speakers for the general discussion on all items allocated to the Third Committee will open *today*, 24 September 2008. The Committee will begin its work on Monday, 6 October, at 10 a.m.

Participants

Delegations that have not submitted the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers are reminded to convey such information to the Secretary of the Third Committee, Mr. Moncef Khane (room S-2950D; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its organizational meeting on Friday, 3 October 2008, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3, to consider its proposed programme of work. The status of preparedness of documentation for the Fifth Committee during the sixty-third session of the General Assembly will be issued as document A/C.5/63/L.1.

The Deputy Secretary-General, Ms. Asha-Rose Migiro, will make a statement at the Committee's organizational meeting.

Delegations that have not done so are kindly reminded to submit the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers to the Secretary of the Fifth Committee, Mr. Movses Abelian (room S-2633A; fax 1 (212) 963-0360).

Information on the work of the Fifth Committee during the sixty-third session of the General Assembly, including the tentative and provisional programme of work, is available at <www.un.org/ga/fifth>.

Informal briefings

Informal briefings (closed) will be held as follows:

Friday, 3 October 2008, immediately following the organizational meeting of the Fifth Committee, in Conference Room 3:

Reform and management of the United Nations (by Ms. Angela Kane, Under-Secretary-General for Management)

Monday, 6 October 2008, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 3:

Human Resources Management (by Ms. Catherine Pollard, Assistant Secretary-General, Human Resources Management); and

Tuesday, 7 October 2008, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 3:

Enterprise resource planning (ERP)/Information and communication technology (ICT) (by Mr. Choi Soon-hong, Chief Information Technology Officer, Assistant Secretary-General); and

Capital master plan (by Mr. Michael Adlerstein, Executive Director, Assistant Secretary-General, CMP).

General Assembly

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Informal consultations on the provisional agenda item 73 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 73 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea) of the provisional agenda of the sixty-third regular session of the General Assembly will be held on Monday, 29 September, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B; and from Wednesday, 1, to Friday, 3 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Information sessions for new delegates, organized by the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DOALOS), will be held on Monday, 29 September 2008, from 1 to 1.45 p.m. in Conference Room B, on the outcome of the eighteenth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and the outcome of recent sessions of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf; and on Wednesday, 1 October 2008, from 1 to 1.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8, on the outcome of the second meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Informal Working Group to study issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction and relevant recent developments within the Convention on Biological Diversity, and the outcome of the ninth meeting of the United Nations Open-ended Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea.

International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

Executive Board

Fifth session

Second resumed session

The second resumed fifth session (closed) of the Executive Board of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advance of Women (INSTRAW) will be held on Thursday, 2 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

General Assembly
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High-level plenary meeting devoted to the midterm review of the Almaty Programme of Action (2 and 3 October 2008)

A high-level plenary meeting devoted to the midterm review of the Almaty Programme of Action will be held on 2 and 3 October 2008. It will comprise an opening plenary meeting on Thursday, 2 October 2008 (morning), in the General Assembly Hall, followed immediately by a high-level panel on the theme "*Role of International Support in establishing efficient transit transport systems to expand trade opportunities for landlocked developing countries*", to be held in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. The high-level plenary meeting will continue the same day from 3 to 6 p.m.; and the following day from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 5.30 p.m. in the General Assembly Hall.

The outcome document of the high-level midterm review of the Almaty Programme of Action will be adopted at the closing plenary meeting to be held on Friday, 3 October 2008, from 5.30 to 6 p.m. in the General Assembly Hall.

Delegations wishing to participate are kindly requested to inscribe with the General Assembly Affairs Branch (room S-2940B; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063; fax 1 (212) 963-3783; or e-mail heddachem@un.org). Participation at the meeting is expected at the ministerial or highest possible level. Delegations are encouraged to limit their interventions during the plenary meetings to no more than seven minutes.

A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 25 July 2008, as well as an information note on the high-level plenary meeting and its tentative programme have been sent to all Member States by facsimile and can be accessed at the following Web site <www.un.org/ga/president/62/letters/almaty250708.pdf>.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Group of 77 (Thirty-second Annual Meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs)

Friday, 26 September 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

OIC Annual Coordination Meeting of Foreign Ministers (at the ministerial level)

Friday, 26 September 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

Ministerial Meeting of the Least Developed Countries (LDCs)

Monday, 29 September 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

UNITAR seminar on "Labour migration: protection, gender and development" (organized in collaboration with IOM, UNFPA, ILO and the MacArthur Foundation)

Friday, 3 October 2008, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D.

[Advance registration is required to attend the seminar. For further information please visit <www.unitarny.org/en/migdevseries.html>; or contact Ms. Victoria Rietig, UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021; e-mail victoriarietig@unitarny.org).]

Training seminar on the universal periodic review mechanism of the Human Rights Council (organized by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights)

Thursday, 9 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber; and

Friday, 10 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All Permanent Missions are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Ann Syauta, New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (tel. 1 (917) 367-3602; e-mail syauta@un.org).]

Forthcoming other activities

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Briefing for parliamentarians attending the general debate of the sixty-third session of the General Assembly on cooperation between the United Nations, national parliaments and the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) (sponsored by the Permanent Mission of Italy in cooperation with the Inter-Parliamentary Union)

Friday, 26 September 2008, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[Permanent Representatives and Observers are invited to attend. For more information contact the IPU Office (tel. 1 (212) 557-5880; e-mail ny-office@mail.ipu.org).]

High-Level Investment Forum "Investing in landlocked developing countries: trends, experiences and the way forward" (jointly organized by the UN-OHRLLS, UNCTAD and the World Bank)

Wednesday, 1 October 2008, from 10 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Margherita Musollino-Berg, UN-OHRLLS (tel. 1 (212) 963-4844; e-mail musollino@un.org).]

Round table on "Regional dimension of transit transport cooperation", as part of the High-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly devoted to the midterm review of the Almaty Programme of Action (organized by the UN-OHRLLS)

Friday, 3 October 2008, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in *Conference Room 6*.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Margherita Musollino-Berg, UN-OHRLLS (tel. 1 (212) 963-4844; e-mail musollino@un.org).]

Announcements

Informational meetings with Member States to discuss issues relating to language services

In accordance with the established practice mandated by the General Assembly, the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management holds informational meetings with Member States twice a year to consult with them on the improvement of the language services and to provide a channel for communication on terminology issues and the quality of services rendered. The second round of language-specific informational meetings for this year will be held in October, according to the following schedule:

Thursday, 2 October 2008, at 10 a.m., in Conference Room 5: *Arabic*
Thursday, 2 October, at 3 p.m., in Conference Room 5: *Chinese*
Friday, 3 October, at 10 a.m., in Conference Room 5: *English*
Friday, 3 October, at 3 p.m., in Conference Room 5: *French*
Monday, 6 October, at 1.15 p.m., in Conference Room 6: *Russian*
Tuesday, 7 October, at 1.15 p.m., in Conference Room 6: *Spanish.*

General Assembly

Credentials of representatives to the sixty-third session of the General Assembly

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the sixty-third regular session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (room S-3420B or S-3420D; tel. 1 (212) 963-5352 or 963-1107).

Proposed dates for the Working Groups of the Sixth Committee

The dates for the Working Groups of the Sixth Committee of the sixty-third session of the General Assembly (Administration of justice at the United Nations; Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission; and Measures to eliminate international terrorism), as proposed by the incoming Bureau, are now available on the Web site of the Sixth Committee <www.un.org/law/cod/sixth/>.

Launch of the new Web site of the *United Nations Treaty Collection*

The Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs is pleased to announce its new and substantially enhanced Web site in English and French at <treaties.un.org>. The Web site, known as the United Nations Treaty Collection (UNTC), is the authoritative source of information on multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General and treaties registered with the Secretariat. A user name and password are no longer needed to access the collection. For further information, please contact the Treaty Section (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047).

Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development

The Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development seeks voluntary contributions in order to support the activities involved in the preparations for the Doha Review Conference in 2008, and to support the travel and participation of representatives of developing countries, in particular least developed countries (para. 12 of General Assembly resolution 62/187 (A/RES/62/187)). The Secretary-General issued, on 6 June 2008, a note verbale to all Governments through their Permanent Missions, appealing for voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund. In accordance with the terms of reference of the Trust Fund, voluntary contributions may be received from Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, private institutions and individuals.

For further information on the Trust Fund, please contact Ms. Dominika Halka, Financing for Development Office, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-6653; e-mail halka@un.org); or visit <www.un.org/esa/ffd/trustfund/>.

Security Council

Web site of the presidency

The Web site of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at <www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp>.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council <www.un.org/Docs/sc>.

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever

possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

Access to back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*

Back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*, in English and French, can be accessed at the following addresses: <www.un.org/ga/search/journal.asp> and <www.un.org/french/ga/search/journal.asp>.

[All comments and suggestions about the daily *Journal* are welcomed. Kindly contact the Journal Unit at journal@un.org.]

Summary of official meetings

Monday, 22 September 2008

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

3rd plenary meeting

New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support: High-level meeting on the theme "Africa's development needs: state of implementation of various commitments, challenges and the way forward" [57 (a)]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/63/130)

(b) Draft resolution (A/63/L.1)

The President of the General Assembly made a statement.

The Secretary-General made a statement.

H.E. Mr. Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete, President of the United Republic of Tanzania and Chairman of the African Union, made a statement.

H.E. Mr. Nicolas Sarkozy. President of the French Republic and the President of the Council of the European Union, made a statement.

H.E. Ms. Heidemarie Wieczorek-Zeul, Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development of Germany and Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Financing for Development Conference, made a statement.

H.E. Mr. Yoshiro Mori, Special Envoy of the Government of Japan, made a statement.

The representative of Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) made a statement.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 3208 of the twenty-ninth session of 11 October 1974, H.E. Mr. José Manuel Barroso, President of the European Commission, made a statement.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 2011 of the twentieth session of 11 October 1965 and decision 56/475 of 15 August 2002, H.E. Mr. Jean Ping, Chairman of the African Union Commission and former President of the General Assembly, made a statement.

Round table 1

The Co-Chair, H.E. Mr. John Agyekum Kufour, President of the Republic of Ghana, made an introductory statement.

An interactive discussion was held with the participation of H.E. Mr. Hifikepunye Pohamba, President of the Republic of Namibia; H.E. Mr. Abdullah Gül, President of the Republic of Turkey; H.E. Mr. Abdoulaye Wade, President of the Republic of Senegal; H.E. Mr. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, President of the Republic of Uganda; H.E. Mr. Fradique Bandeira Melo de Menezes, President of the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe; H.E. Mr. Danilo Türk, President of the Republic of Slovenia; H.E. Mr. Ernest Bai Koroma, President of the Republic of Sierra Leone; H.E. Mr. Yoshiro Mori, Special Envoy of the Government of Japan; H.E. Mr. Didjob Divungi di Ndinge, Vice President of the Gabonese Republic; H.E. Mr. José Ramón Machado Ventura, First Vice-President of the Council of State and Ministers of the Republic of Cuba; H.E. Mr. Ivo Sanader, Prime Minister of the Republic of Croatia; and H.E. Mr. Abbas El Fassi, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Morocco.

The Co-Chair, H.E. Mr. Haris Silajdžić, Chairman of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina, made a statement.

The interactive discussion continued with the participation of Mr. Tim Costello, President and Chief Executive Officer of World Vision International; H.E. Mr. Ján Kubiš, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Slovakia; H.E. Ms. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma, Minister for Foreign Affairs of South Africa; H.E. Lord Mark Malloch-Brown, Minister of State for Africa, Asia and United Nations Affairs of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; H.E. Mr. Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Myanmar; H.E. Mr. Jean Asselborn, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Immigration of Luxembourg; H.E. Mr. Asim Hussain, Federal Minister of Pakistan; H.E. Ms. Heidemarie Wieczorek-Zeul, Federal Minister of Economic Cooperation and Development of Germany; H.E. Mr. Hassan Wirajuda, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Indonesia; H.E. Mr. Fidil Al-Tigani, Minister of International Cooperation of the Sudan; H.E. Ms. Ulla Toernaes, Minister for Development Cooperation of Denmark; H.E. Mr. Alexander Yakovenko, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation; H.E. Ms. Adriana Mejía, Deputy Minister of Multilateral Affairs of Colombia; H.E. Mr. Ángel Lossada, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Spain; H.E. Mr. Mohamed Elorabi, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Egypt; and Mr. Hinomasa Yonekura, President of the Sumitomo Chemical.

The Co-Chairs, H.E. Mr. Haris Silajdžić, Chairman of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina; and H.E. Mr. John Agyekum Kufour, President of the Republic of Ghana, made concluding remarks.

Round table 2

The Co-chair, H.E. Mr. Paul Kagame, President of the Republic of Rwanda, made an introductory statement.

An interactive discussion was held with the participation of H.E. Mr. Armando Emílio Guebuza, President of the Republic of Mozambique; His Majesty King Mswati III, Head of State of the Kingdom of Swaziland; H.E. Mr. Marc Ravalomanana, President of the Republic of Madagascar; H.E. Mr. Ahmed Tidiane Souaré, Prime Minister of the Republic of Guinea; H.E. Mr. Ralph E. Gonsalves, Prime Minister of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines; H.E. Mr. Fakhruddin Ahmed, Chief Adviser of the Caretaker Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh; H.E. Ms. Condoleezza Rice, Secretary of State of the United States of America; H.E. Mr. Charles Michel, Minister of Development Cooperation of Belgium; and H.E. Mr. Ojo Maduekwe, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nigeria. The representatives of the Economic Commission for Africa and the observer of the European Community also made statements.

The Co-chair, H.E. Ms. Tarja Halonen, President of the Republic of Finland, made a statement.

The interactive discussion continued with the participation of H.E. Mr. Valdis Zatlers, President of the Republic of Latvia; H.E. Mr. Kenneth Baugh, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Jamaica; H.E. Mr. Yang Jiechi, Minister for Foreign Affairs of China; H.E. Ms. Kinga Göncz, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Hungary; H.E. Mr. Ato Newaye Gebreab, Minister, Chief Economic Advisor to the Prime Minister of Ethiopia; H.E. Mr. Fawzi Salloukh, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Immigrants of Lebanon; H.E. Mr. Peter Power, Minister of State, Department of Foreign Affairs of Ireland; H.E. Mr. Koffi Essaw, Minister of State, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Regional Integration of Togo; H.E. Mrs. Ingibjörg Sólrún Gísladóttir, Minister for Foreign Affairs and External Trade of Iceland; H.E. Mr. João Bernardo de Miranda, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Angola; H.E. Mr. Henri Eyebe Ayissi, Minister of External Relations of Cameroon; H.E. Mr. Ivailo Kalfin, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bulgaria; and H.E. Mr. Simbarashe Simbaneduku Mumbengegwi, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Zimbabwe. Statements were also made by the representatives of the Pan-African Parliament, Map International and the Food and Agriculture Organization.

The Co-chair, H.E. Ms. Tarja Halonen, President of the Republic of Finland, made concluding remarks.

Round table 3

The Co-Chair, H.E. Mr. Abdulaye Wade, President of the Republic of Senegal, made an introductory statement.

An interactive discussion was held with the participation of H.E. Mr. François Bozizé, President of the Central African Republic; H.E. Mr. Boni Yayi, President of the Republic of Benin; H.E. Mr. Jan Peter Balkenende, Prime Minister and Minister for General Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands; H.E. Mr. Anand Sharma, Minister of State for External Affairs of India; H.E. Mr. Alain Joyandet, Minister of Cooperation and La Francophonie of France; H.E. Hon. Bradford Machila, Minister of Lands of Zambia; H.E. Mr. Erik Solheim, Minister of the Environment and International Development of Norway; H.E. Mr. Alejandro Foxley Rioseco, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Chile; H.E. Ms. Carolyn Rodrigues-Birkett, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Guyana; H.E. Mr. Alberto Romulo, Secretary of Foreign Affairs of the Philippines; H.E. Mr. Vincenzo Scotti, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Italy; H.E. Mr. Alexandre Fasel, Director of the UN Division of the Department of Foreign Affairs of Switzerland;

H.E. Mr. Franck Biancheri, Government Counsellor for External Relations and for International Economic and Financial Affairs of Monaco; Mr. Abdulrahman Almofadhi, Saudi Fund for Development; and the representatives of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Antigua and Barbuda, Viet Nam and Nicaragua.

A statement was also made by the Co-Chair, H.E. Mr. Abdulaye Wade, President of the Republic of Senegal.

Statements were made by the observer of the Observer State of the Holy See, the observers of the Commonwealth Secretariat and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies; the representatives of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs; as well as, by representatives of World Vision and the African Monitor, Business Action for Africa and Regenesys.

The Co-Chair, H.E. Mr. Ralph Gonsalves, Prime Minister of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, made concluding remarks.

Round table 4

The Co-chair H.E. Mr. Pedro Verona Rodrigues Pires, President of the Republic of Cape Verde, made an introductory statement.

An interactive discussion was held with the participation of H.E. Mr. Luiz Inácio Lula Da Silva, President of the Federative Republic of Brazil; H.E. Mr. Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, President of the Islamic Republic of Iran; H.E. Mr. Heinz Fischer, President of the Republic of Austria; H.E. Mr. Yu Myung-hwan, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade of the Republic of Korea; H.E. Mr. Stephen Smith, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Australia; H.E. Mr. Wycliffe Oparanya, Minister for Planning, National Development Vision 2030 of Kenya; H.E. Mr. Basile Ikouebe, Minister for Foreign Affairs and La Francophonie of the Congo; the representative of Thailand; H.E. Mr. Omar A. Touray, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs of the Gambia; H.E. Mr. Carl Bildt, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Sweden; H.E. Mr. Urmas Paet, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Estonia; the representatives of Belarus, Botswana and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela; H.E. Mr. Alexander Horin, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ukraine; the representative of Liberia; H.E. Mr. Khaled Muhammad Al-Attiya, Minister of State for International Cooperation of Qatar; H.E. Ms. Antoinette Batumubwira, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Burundi; and the representatives of Kuwait and Israel. Statements were also made by the representatives of the International Labour Organization, the United Nations Children's Fund, Pan African Women's Organization and the Development Bank for Southern Africa.

The Co-chair, H.E. Mr. Pedro Vernon Rodrigues Pires, President of the Republic of Cape Verde, made concluding remarks.

4th plenary meeting

New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support: High-level meeting on the theme "Africa's development needs: state of implementation of various commitments, challenges and the way forward": draft resolution (A/63/L.1). . . . . [57 (a)]

The General Assembly continued its High-level Meeting on the theme "Africa's development needs: state of implementation of various commitments, challenges and the way forward".

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/63/L.1 (resolution 63/1).

H.E. Mr. Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete, President of the United Republic of Tanzania and Chairman of the African Union, made a statement.

The President made a statement.

The General Assembly has thus concluded the High-level Meeting on the theme "Africa's development needs: state of implementation of various commitments, challenges and the way forward".

The General Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 57.

Tuesday, 23 September 2008

Security Council

5979th meeting

Maintenance of international peace and security

Letter dated 3 September 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Burkina Faso to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (S/2008/590)

The meeting was presided over by H.E. Mr. Blaise Compaoré, President of Burkina Faso and H.E. Mr. Bedouma Alain Yoda, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Burkina Faso, in their capacity as President of the Security Council.

The agenda was adopted without objection.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Lakhdar Brahimi.

The President, H.E. Mr. Blaise Compaoré, made introductory remarks and a statement in his capacity as the President of Burkina Faso.

The Secretary-General, H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon, made a statement.

The Council heard a statement by Mr. Brahimi.

The Security Council was addressed by H.E. Mr. Martín Torrijos, President of the Republic of Panama; H.E. Mr. Ivo Sanader, Prime Minister of the Republic of Croatia; H.E. Mr. Karel de Gucht, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Belgium; H.E. Dr. Nkosazana Clarice Dlamini-Zuma, Minister for Foreign Affairs of South Africa; H.E. Dr. Hassan Wirajuda, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia; H.E. Mr. Franco Frattini, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Italy; H.E. Mr. Bernard Kouchner, Minister for Foreign Affairs of France; H.E. Mr. Alexander Yakovenko, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation; H.E. Lord Mark Malloch-Brown, Minister of State for Africa, Asia and United Nations Affairs of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; H.E. Mr. Le Luong Minh, Permanent Representative of Viet Nam to the United Nations; H.E. Mr. Zalmay Khalilzad, Permanent Representative of the United States Mission to the United Nation; H.E. Mr. Giadalla A. Ettalhi, Permanent Representative of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya to the United Nations; H.E. Mr. Jorge Urbina, Permanent Representative of Costa Rica to the United Nations; and H.E. Mr. Liu Zhenmin, Deputy Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2008/36).

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

5th plenary meeting

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization (A/63/1) . . . . [100]

The Secretary-General made a statement.

Opening of the general debate . . . . . [8]

The President of the General Assembly made a statement

The General Assembly was informed that as in previous sessions that there would be a time limit of up to 15 minutes for each statement.

Address by His Excellency Mr. Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, President of the Federative Republic of Brazil

H.E. Mr. Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, President of the Federative Republic of Brazil, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by His Excellency Mr. George W. Bush, President of the United States of America

H.E. Mr. George W. Bush, President of the United States of America, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by His Excellency Mr. Nicolas Sarkozy, President of the French Republic

H.E. Mr. Nicolas Sarkozy, President of the French Republic, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by Her Excellency Mrs. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, President of the Republic of the Philippines

H.E. Mrs. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, President of the Republic of the Philippines, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by His Highness Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al-Thani, Amir of the State of Qatar

His Highness Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al-Thani, Amir of the State of Qatar, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by Her Excellency Mrs. Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf, President of the Republic of Liberia

H.E. Mrs. Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf, President of the Republic of Liberia, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by His Excellency Mr. Abdullah Gül, President of the Republic of Turkey

H.E. Mr. Abdullah Gül, President of the Republic of Turkey, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by Her Excellency Mrs. Cristina Fernández de Kirchner, President of the Argentine Republic

H.E. Mrs. Cristina Fernández de Kirchner, President of the Argentine Republic, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by His Excellency Mr. Marc Ravalomanana, President of the Republic of Madagascar

H.E. Mr. Marc Ravalomanana, President of the Republic of Madagascar, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by His Excellency Mr. Boris Tadić, President of the Republic of Serbia

H.E. Mr. Boris Tadić, President of the Republic of Serbia, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by His Excellency Mr. Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete, President of the Republic of the United Republic of Tanzania

H.E. Mr. Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete, President of the United Republic of Tanzania, addressed the General Assembly.

Continuation of the general debate . . . . . [8]

H.E. Mr. Didjob Divungi Di Ndinge, Vice-President of the Gabonese Republic, addressed the General Assembly.

6th plenary meeting — The summary of the 6th plenary meeting of the General Assembly will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2008/187).

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Vienna Convention on the Representation of States in their Relations with International Organizations of a Universal Character. Vienna, 14 March 1975

Accession: Paraguay (23 September 2008)[1]

Convention on the non-applicability of statutory limitations to war crimes and crimes against humanity. New York, 26 November 1968

Accession: Paraguay (23 September 2008)[1]

Convention on the Rights of the Child. New York, 20 November 1989

Withdrawal of declaration and reservations made upon ratification: Tunisia (23 September 2008)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families. New York, 18 December 1990

Ratification: Paraguay (23 September 2008)[1]

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. New York, 6 October 1999

Accession: Tunisia (23 September 2008)[1]

Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. New York, 13 December 2006

Signature: Solomon Islands (23 September 2008)

Signature: Togo (23 September 2008)

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. New York, 13 December 2006

Signature: France (23 September 2008)

Signature: Togo (23 September 2008)

International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance. New York, 20 December 2006

Ratification: France (23 September 2008)[1]

Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel. New York, 9 December 1994

Accession: Guatemala (23 September 2008)[1]

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel. New York, 8 December 2005

Ratification: Czech Republic (23 September 2008)[1]

Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Accession: Paraguay (23 September 2008)[1]

United Nations Convention against Corruption. New York, 31 October 2003

Ratification: Tunisia (23 September 2008)[1]

International Tropical Timber Agreement, 2006. Geneva, 27 January 2006

Signature: Czech Republic (23 September 2008)

Signature: Spain (23 September 2008)

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Treaty event

Multilateral Treaty Framework: An invitation to universal participation

2008 Treaty Event: Towards universal participation and implementation — Dignity and justice for all of us

United Nations Headquarters (23-25 and 29 September-1 October 2008)

It is recalled that a series of successful treaty events has been held annually at the United Nations Headquarters commencing with the Millennium Summit in September 2000. This year, the annual treaty event *will continue* until 25 September 2008; on 29 September; and 1 October 2008, to coincide with the general debate of the sixty-third General Assembly.

The event, entitled "2008 Treaty Event: Towards universal participation and implementation — Dignity and justice for all of us", provides a distinct opportunity for States to demonstrate their continuing commitment to the central role of the rule of law in international relations. This year's event will highlight treaties associated with the sixtieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Year of Planet Earth, the International Year of Sanitation and the International Polar Year, as well as transit and transport treaties of concern to landlocked and transit developing countries.

The list of treaties being highlighted this year has been circulated by depositary notification C.N.158.2008 of 7 March 2008. As is customary, it will be possible to undertake treaty actions with regard to any treaty deposited with the Secretary-General during the treaty event. Necessary facilities, including media coverage, will be made available for treaty actions to be undertaken in a solemn setting.

Delegations intending to sign or deposit instruments relating to multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General during the treaty event may wish to inform their Governments accordingly for the purpose of completing the requisite domestic procedures.

Under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign treaties, on behalf of States without having to produce to full powers to that effect. All other representatives wishing to sign treaties must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of specified treaties by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Likewise, instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession must be issued and signed by the same authorities.

Further information concerning the 2008 Treaty Event is available on the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site <treaties.un.org> and at the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs (contact: Ms. Sherry Holbrook (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047)). Information concerning the requirements for full powers and the deposit of instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession (including model instruments) can be found in the *Treaty Handbook*, which is also available on the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site.

General information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *September 2008* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Guinea
H.E. Mr. Alpha Ibrahim Sow

Asian States:
India
H.E. Mr. Nirupam Sen

Eastern European States:
Bosnia and Herzegovina
H.E. Mr. Miloš Prica

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Bolivia
H.E. Mr. Hugo Siles Alvarado

Western European and other States:
Greece
H.E. Mr. John Mourikis

Daily list of documents issued at Headquarters

With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations in the electronic version of the present Journal. The list contains documents issued by 2 p.m. on Tuesday, 23 September 2008.

Symbol	*Main title*
General Assembly	**Official Records**
	Sixty-third session
A/63/46	Report of the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation — Fifty-sixth session — (10-18 July 2008) — Supplement No. 46 [A C E F R S]
	United Nations Commission on International Trade Law **Forty-first session**
A/CN.9/SR/876	Meeting held on 23 June 2008, 3 p.m. [A C E F R S]
General Assembly	**Documents**
	Sixty-third session
A/63/123	Items 16, 41, 51, 56, 65, 67 and 101 of the preliminary list — Question of Palestine — Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory,

	including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources — Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the 2002 International Conference on Financing for Development and the preparation of the 2008 Review Conference — Eradication of poverty and other development issues — Elimination of racism and racial discrimination — Promotion and protection of human rights — Measures to eliminate international terrorism — Letter dated 8 July 2008 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Italy to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/63/250/Corr.1	Organization of the sixty-third regular session of the General Assembly, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items — First report of the General Committee [A C E F R S]
A/63/252	Allocation of agenda items for the sixty-third session of the General Assembly — Adopted by the General Assembly at its 2nd plenary meeting, on 19 September 2008 [A C E F R S]
A/63/268*	Reissued for technical reasons [A C E F R S]
A/63/300*	Reissued for technical reasons [A C E F R S]
A/63/302 (Part I)/Add/1	Item 131 of the provisional agenda — Report on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services — Report on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008 [A C E F R S]
A/63/333	Item 54 (a) of the provisional agenda — Globalization and interdependence: role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence — Impact of globalization on the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/63/340	Item 67 (b) of the provisional agenda — Promotion and protection of human rights: human rights questions including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms — The right to development — Report of the Secretary-General on the right to development [A C E F R S]
A/63/358–S/2008/608	Item 15 of the provisional agenda — The situation in the Middle East — Identical letters dated 15 September 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
	Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)
A/C.4/63/L.1	Organization of work — Note by the Chairman [A C E F R S]

Security Council	**Documents**
A/63/358–S/2008/608	Identical letters dated 15 September 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/2008/610	Draft resolution [A C E F R S]
S/Agenda/5977	Provisional agenda [A C E F R S]
S/Agenda/5978	Provisional agenda [A C E F R S]
S/PRST/2008/35	Statement by the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]

S/RES/1833 (2008) Adopted by the Security Council at its 5977th meeting, on 22 September 2008 [A C E F R S]

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

Documents

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DP/2008/52 Item 5 of the provisional agenda — United Nations Office for Project Services — The governance structure of the United Nations Office for Project Services — Proposal to realign the Management Coordination Committee within the current governance arrangements of UNOPS [A C E F R S]

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